GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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ACTIVITIES OF NEHRU YUVAK KENDRA
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to synergise the activities of the Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangathan with Panchayats across the country for promoting sports and games;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is also considering to launch a centrally sponsored scheme named Panchayati Yuva Khel Abiyan through the network of Panchayati Raj Institutions with the help of local units of the N.Y.K.S.;

(d) if so, the aims and objectives thereof; and

(e) the manner in which funds are likely to be mobilized for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The Government propose to synergise the activities of the Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangathan with Panchayats across the country for promoting sports and games by sharing the responsibility between the Panchayati Raj Institutions and Youth clubs of the Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangathan through activity mapping so that promotion of sports and games is done in a coordinated manner at the different tiers of the Panchayati Raj system.

(c)&(d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, in association with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, propose to launch Panchayat Yuva Khel Abhiyan through the networking of Panchayati Raj Institutions with the local units of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan. The objective is to promote access for children and young people to organize sports and games: faster excellences in national and international sports events; encourage traditional sports and games; promote national integration; promote gender equality through sports; fight the growing menace of drug abuse; and promote community participation, self-esteem and pride at the grass roots.

(e) The proposal is still at the initial stage and the scheme is being prepared in consultation with the State Governments. As at present envisaged, it is proposed to provide minimum funding to each Gram Panchayat for the preparation of play-grounds, particularly where there is no play ground. Additionally, though convergence with the other government schemes such as Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana, the Backward Regions Grant Fund, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programmes, grants received from 12th Finance Commission and State Finace Commission etc.as well as State schemes, funds will be available to the village Panchayat and the local Nehru Yuvak Kendra in concurrence with the Gram Sabha, to build up sports facilities. It is further proposed to provide for recurring expenditure on sports equipments and other accessories.